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Reply and request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

We received the Office Action dated October 20, 2004 setting a three month shortened statutory response period ending January 20, 2005. In response to this Office Action, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application.